

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 531

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wesley McClure,  
president of Lane College in Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Wesley McClure, the president of Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, President McClure was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens through his diligent pursuit of providing quality education opportunities, especially for those who didn't believe college was an option for them; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McClure served with acumen and alacrity as the president of Lane College, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McClure, who served as the college's ninth president, was a 1960 graduate of Merry High School. He graduated from Lane College with his bachelor's degree in math in 1964, and taught math at the institution before assuming the presidency; and

WHEREAS, his life and enduring legacy are intertwined with Lane College. As a student, he was a part of the civil rights movement and participated in protests in downtown Jackson, and his friends reflect that he always meant well and was motivated for good; and

WHEREAS, so many who came under his tutelage at Lane College have extolled their memories of Dr. McClure as an amazing father figure to them as they sojourned through their collegiate experiences; in so many ways, he shepherded his charges through young adulthood's trials and challenges, assuring them that with only a hope and a prayer, the good Lord and his hosts of prayer warriors would open a bright future to them; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wesley McClure was deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order, and he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Mary Bradley McClure; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McClure leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Wesley McClure, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his many years of presidential service to Lane College, promoting opportunities for higher education for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. McClure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.